

HOLLYPARK OPENS HARNESS SEASON



BILLY CANTRELL
Top Challenger



JIM ROESSLER
Western Favorite

Veteran Drivers Pick at Western

Veteran drivers will step into the spotlight Sunday at Western Speedway in the afternoon's 40-lap main event. Old-timer Jim Roessler assumes the favorite's role in his Corvette while another veteran, Billy Cantrell, looms as the top challenger to take the checkered flag. Roessler, 1960-61 California Jalopy Association point champ, and this year's leader in the super-modified division, will attempt to add to his lead when racing opens at 2:30 p.m. Cantrell won his first CJA

victory of the year two weeks ago on the one-third mile Gardena clay oval and will be wheeling a Thunderbird-powered machine in his bid for a repeat.

Vallie Engelauf, 685 points behind Roessler in the point battle, will drive another Corvette-powered speedster as he seeks his fourth win of the year at Western.

Third place in points is held by Jack Austin, who drives a Buick-engined car. Jay East, Ed Van Eyk and Bob Simmons complete the top six pilots in CJA point standings.

Hawks Bid For Grid Win

Matters cannot get any worse for Harbor College grid-ders.

Hoping for a little easier going than they have found in the first two pigskin contests of the season, the Seahawks oppose the Oceanside-Carlsbad Spartan Saturday night in a traveling encounter for Harbor.

The Seahawks just about lost all of their pinfeathers to a scalping party of El Camino Warriors last Friday. ECC took a 49-6 win to almost duplicate last year's 46-0 triumph.

supporters came on an 89-yard run by Ray Jones in the second quarter. Another hard-running back came to light in the person of Darryl Easter, a Jordan High product. Henry Pacheco also performed well on defense.

Head coach Joe Berry feels the squad will do better from now on as several late reporters gain familiarity with the Harbor system. He indicated several changes might be made in the starting line-up before game-time.

Major league harness racing returns to the Southland sports scene at Hollywood Park tomorrow as Western Harness Racing Assn. lifts the curtain on its 35-day autumn sulky season.

First post for the opening day card will be 1 p.m. and the starting time will prevail throughout the seven-week meeting. Daily Double windows will close five minutes prior to post time for the first race.

An anticipated crowd of over 10,000 is expected to be on hand for the nine-race opening day program, which is highlighted by the traditional Girl of the Golden West Pace. Winner of the latter contest will be crowned by lovely Cherie Foster, Western Harness' newly chosen Girl of the Golden West.

Su Mac Lad, leading money winning trotter of all time; Senator Frost, who won the 1959 American Trotting Classic and currently holds the Hollywood Park mile track record of 1:57.3, and Silver Song, winner of the 1960 Classic, will be on hand.

ALSO SLATED to see action during the meeting are Lumber Dream, Santa Anita's 1961 "horse of the meeting"; Canada's Tie Silk, recent winner of the Roosevelt International, and last year's American Classic titlist Air Record. Duke Rodney, winner of nearly \$200,000 this season, Portershouse, winner of two \$50,000 events this year, and Pigeon

Hanover top a list of outstanding four-year-olds eligible to the \$20,000 Fall Maturity Trot.

One of the top driver colonies in autumn meeting history will be lined up to compete at Hollywood Park, including eight-time WHRA driving champ Joe O'Brien; Billy Haughton, six-time national driving champion, and Jim Dennis, who won back-to-back titles at the last two WHRA meetings — the '61 one at Hollywood Park and '62 affair at Santa Anita — along with such other outstanding reinsmen as Eddie Wheeler, Joe Lighthill, Ken Cartnal, Russell Valles Key and some new names like Lucien Fontaine, and George Sziklai.

SOME OF the top horses in the country will see action during the 35 days of racing at Hollywood Park, including world record holder Irvin Paul, who recently lowered the mile and one quarter mark to 2:29.3.

New Organization Ready to Race Believes Prexy

Newly organized, the United States Midget Assn. is ready to go on the championship trail believes President Bill Whitsett of Torrance.

Whitsett, a former sports car driver, will head the sanctioned organization with Bob Reagan as vice president and Clifford Peterson as the attorney.

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